

VALE'S GREENHOUSE



Quality Plants For The Chinook Zone

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FUCHSIAS

CARE OF YOUR FUCHSIA

Congratulations! You have just purchased a beautiful blooming fuchsia. To keep it growing and blooming requires a certain amount of effort, but most fuchsia admirers find it a small price to pay for a summer of flowers.

Your fuchsia should be hung in a spot where it will receive filtered light, but not direct burning sun. A north or east aspect is more suitable than a west or south exposure, unless under the shade of high trees or a well ventilated patio.

How much water your plant requires depends on the weather and the size of the pot. A larger container holds more soil and water than a small pot and is easier to care for in very hot weather. Your fuchsia will require water every 2nd or 3rd day in cool, wet weather, and every day in hot sunny weather. Fill to overflowing when you water to make sure that you have given it sufficient water. During very hot weather frequent misting with the hose will help.

Fuchsias are brought to point of sale under conditions of high fertility. At the greenhouse, your fuchsia was fed at weekly intervals. To continue flowering and strong healthy growth, you must continue with a feeding program. Fish fertilizer is a favorite of many, or Peters 20-20-20 water soluble fertilizer is recommended. Follow directions on package. Too strong of a solution will bum the roots.

Fuchsias have a few insect enemies that may show up to bug you. Aphids are the most common pest; a crinkled tip reveals their presence. Use Safer's Insecticidal Soap for aphids and whiteflies, making sure to get the undersides of the leaves. Spider Mites can be a problem in hot weather; frequent mistings discourages them or use Later's Mite Spray.

When the first flush of bloom is past, trim your basket back gently to stimulate new growth. Attention to feeding and watering will speed its return to bloom. Keeping the seed pods picked off is essential.

As fall approaches, cease feeding your fuchsia to let it harden off. In mid-September, bring it in before the first hard frost and prune it back to the hard woody growth. Remove all litter from the pot and store it in a cool frost-free place, such as the garage or cold-room. Try to keep it at 40F -50F all winter, light or dark, and water only enough to prevent dehydration. Bring it out to the light in March or early April and begin a feeding program.



Boliviana



Dark Eyes



Display



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Swingtime